 **The Dressage Foundation’s**

**Verne Batchelder Instructor Fund**

**Grant Application**

Applications will only be accepted through this online form.  The following application form and all required attachments must be received by The Dressage Foundation's office on or before **September 10**to be considered. Attachments must be in Word, Excel, or PDF format.

We encourage you to review this application and gather all materials prior to starting the online application process. Once you start, your work **cannot** be saved.

**Attachments Needed:**

* Budget
* One Letter of Recommendation
* Signature Page

[**Signature Page**](https://www.dressagefoundation.org/file_download/cf0148cc-8a93-4589-9a84-956e893cf4a9)

Please download and sign this Signature Page. Attach it to the application at the bottom of this page.

* [**Application in Word Format**](https://www.dressagefoundation.org/file_download/d89bbd97-be3d-48dd-8ffe-0559630a2cea)

**Helpful tip - Type your answers into a Word document, save, and then copy and paste your answers into this form.**

Please check that all required fields are complete before submitting. Please contact us at (402) 434-8585 or info@dressagefoundation.org if you have questions or need assistance.

**Contact Information:**

Name:

Address:

City:

State, Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Are you a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident?

USDF Region of residence (*must currently reside in Region 1, 3, or 8):*

Please list equestrian organizations in which you are a member

(local, national, international)

Proposed Training or Event Plan

(in one sentence)

Proposed Training or Event Dates

**Applicant Information:**

Provide a brief summary of your dressage experiences, including training, instruction, competition record, levels at which you are riding, scores, certifications, national rankings, and awards. (Max 500 words)

What are your overall dressage goals? (Max 250 words)

**Proposed Training/Educational Event:**

How do you plan to use the grant? Include dates, locations, instructors and their credentials, etc. Training funded by this grant can start no sooner than two months after the application deadline date. (Max 250 words)

Tell us about the instructor you’d like to work with.  Have you worked with him/her before?

What are your expectations for working with your trainer?  What are some definite areas of accomplishment that you wish to achieve?  Please present a clear training plan and goals.

(Max 250 words)

 **Specific Grant Fund Questions:**

Why did you became a dressage professional? (Max 100 words)

How many students do you have and how much time do you devote to teaching?

Tell us about your students -- what is the average age and skill level of your students?  What breeds of horses do they ride? What are their goals in working with you? (Max 250 words)

How many horses do you currently have in training and how much time do you devote to their training? (Max 250 words)

Who is your home trainer? List other trainers you have ridden with in the past few years and how often, including lessons, clinics, symposia, etc.  (Max 250 words)

Tell us why you would like to be selected for the Verne Batchelder Instructor Fund (Max 250 words)

**Financial Information:**

Provide a detailed budget of how you plan to use the $2,500 grant.

Please explain why you need financial assistance from The Dressage Foundation. (Max 250 words)

What current and past financial assistance/sponsorship have you received, including grants or awards from The Dressage Foundation?

**Letter of Recommendation:**

Attach one letter of recommendation from your peers validating your dressage experience/qualifications, good character, and professionalism.

Important Notes:

You will be notified that the application has been received within two business days. If you do not receive email confirmation (please check your spam folder!) that your application has been received, call our office at (402) 434-8585.  Additionally, if you have any questions regarding the application, feel free to contact us. After the grant selection committee has made its final decision, all applicants will be notified. Thank you!